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SUMMARY

¶1. THE CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL MET ON MARCH 16 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF SERBS IN

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CROATIA. IN A SERIES OF DECLARATIONS, THE COUNCIL (UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN) CALLED FOR RESPECTING THE LAW ON NATIONALITIES, GRANTING AMNESTY TO THOSE COERCED INTO FIGHTING AGAINST CROATIA AND THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ACTS. THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY WILL MEET ON MARCH 26-28 TO DISCUSS MANY OF THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS OTHER CRITICAL LAWS, PARTICULARLY THE NEW ELECTION LAWS. THE EC AND CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MET TO DISCUSS NATIONALITY ISSUES, TOO UNDER THE BACKDROP OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF UN TROOPS TO EASTERN SLAVONIA. THE CROATIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED A RUMOR THAT VANCE AND CARRINGTON WILL VISIT THE SLOVENE CAPITAL THIS WEEK.

CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL MEETS

¶12. IN A SESSION GIVEN VERY PROMINENT MEDIA

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COVERAGE, THE CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN MET MARCH 16 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO CRIME, LAW AND ORDER AND TREATMENT OF MINORITIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE COUNCIL EXAMINED THE EFFECT OF THE LAW ON NATIONAL MINORITIES AND ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

-- THE LAW IS NOT FULLY RESPECTED AND THIS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERS THE STABILITY OF CROATIAN DEMOCRACY AND LEGAL ORDER;

-- ESPECIALLY UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS AND CONSEQUENCIES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE CASE WHEN THE SECURITY OF SERBS HAS BEEN THREATENED;

-- THE ORGANS OF THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC HAVE INSTITUTED CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST 4,576 CITIZENS FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF CROATIA WHO THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF VIOLATING THE HUMAN AND NATIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS;

-- IT IS NECESSARY TO GRANT AMNESTY TO PARTICIPANTS OF AGGRESSION ON CROATIA WHO WERE FORCEFULLY MOBILIZED;

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-- COMPETENT ORGANS HAVE TO TAKE LEGAL MEASURES AGAINST LAW-BREAKERS AND THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR HAS TO ISSUE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AGAINST RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ACTED "PARTIALLY AND INEFFICIENTLY" IN RESOLVING CASES OF CRIMINAL ENDANGERING OF CITIZENS' IJVES AND PROPERTY. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROBLEM, THE DISARMAMENT OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS

NECESSARY;

-- IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF THE CITIZENS OF CROATIA TO FOUND THE CITIZENS' PEACE COUNCILS TO BE LOCATED IN MIXED REGIONS OF THE REPUBLIC;

-- CITIZENS OF SERBIAN NATIONALITY HAVE TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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STIMULATED TO EXPRESS IN PUBLIC THEIR SPECIFIC AND GENERAL POLITICAL VIEWS AND OTHER INTERESTS.

CROATIAN ASSEMBLY TO MEET

13. IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY, ZARKO DOMLJAN, ANNOUNCED MARCH 16 THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION MARCH 26-28. HE INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: THE 1992 BUDGET, RETURN OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS TO THEIR HOMES, ELECTION LAWS, DISCUSSION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN CROATIA, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIVATIZATION LAW.

EC AND CROATIAN GOVERNMENT DISCUSS INTER-ETHNIC RELATIONS

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14. A DELEGATION OF CROATIAN OFFICIALS CONSISTING OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT ZDRAVKO TOMAC, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN POLICY, HRVOJE KACIC, MINISTER IN THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT, ZIVKO JUZBASIC, AND VLADIMIR DEGAN, MET MARCH 16 WITH EC OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONALITIES IN A POST-WAR CROATIA. AMONG OTHER ISSUES THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON THE NEED TO REPEAL CERTAIN REGULATIONS WHICH WERE ENACTED DURING THE WAR, ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFIED. THE REGULATIONS ARE APPARENTLY RELATED TO THE RETURN OF SERBS WHO WERE FORCEFULLY MOBILIZED BY THE JNA. SOME OF THESE SERBS WERE INCLUDED IN THE PRISONER EXCHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE AND THESE PERSONS INTEND TO GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN CROATIA.

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UNPROFOR ARRIVES IN SLAVONIA

15. ACCORDING TO THE MARCH 17 ZAGREB PRESS, THE
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FIRST CONTINGENT OF UN TROOPS DESTINED FOR THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF SLAVONIA HAVE BEGUN
ARRIVING. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT 38
RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARRIVED MARCH 16 IN DALJ IN
EASTERN SLAVONIA. THEY HAVE BEGUN TO EXAMINE
POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE UN FORCES BASES.

CARRINGTON AND VANCE TO SLOVENIA?

16. THE ZAGREB DAILY "VECERNJI LIST" OF MARCH 17 QUOTES THE SLOVENIAN PRESIDENT MILAN KUCAN AS HAVING TOLD A SLOVENIAN ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE THAT THE EC MEDIATOR, LORD CARRINGTON, AND THE UN ENVOY CYRUS VANCE MAY VISIT SLOVENIA THIS WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, KUCAN IMPLIED THAT VANCE AND CARRINGTON WOULD HOLD TALKS WITH SLOVENIAN OFFICIALS ON SUCCESSOR STATE ISSUES. KUCAN HAS COME OUT AGAINST THE "RUSSIAN MODEL", WHICH ALLOWED FOR THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC TO BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEGAL SUCCESSION OF THE USSR. ACCORDING TO KUCAN, ALL SIX YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS TO SUCCESSION.
(CONSULAR STAFF MEMBER WILL VISIT LJUBLJANA ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM IF VANCE AND CARRINGTON WILL VISIT LJUBLJANA).

RECOGNITION UPDATE

17. IN ADDITION TO THE 47 STATES WHICH HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED CROATIA, PERU (ON MARCH 15) AND JAPAN (ON MARCH 17) HAVE BECOME THE LATEST TO ALSO RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.
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